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(b) whether the Government will, in view of the prevalence of famine conditions in the district, consider the advisability of appointing special officers to attend to applications for loans ?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the fact is as stated.

(b) The Government are not aware of the prevalence of famine conditions and do not see the need for appointing special officers for loans work. Under the rules in the Takkavi Manual, Collectors are competent to employ temporary establishments, when necessary, for the speedy disposal of loan applications.

Public Service

Prohibition of Government servants from becoming members of trade unions.

* 613 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether orders have been passed by the Government prohibiting the Government servants from becoming members of a Trade Union registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act of 1926 ?

A.—The Government of India have under consideration the question of the registration of associations of Government servants under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, and have informed local Governments that pending a decision on the revision of the rules governing the formation and conduct of such associations, they think it inadvisable that the associations should apply for registration. Till final orders on the subject are received therefrom, the local Government have instructed Government servants not to be members of an association seeking registration as a Trade Union.

Communal representation in the public services.

* 614 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have recently considered the question of communal representation in the public services ;

(b) whether they have issued a Government Order on the subject referred to in (a) ;

(c) whether they will place on the table their decisions on the question referred to in (a) ; and

(d whether they have come to a decision on or have under consideration the question of penalising Government servants belonging to a particular community on account of their birth in the matter of promotions ?

A.—(a) The question that has been under the consideration of Government is that of the representation of different communities in recruitment to the public services rather than that of their representation in the public services though no doubt recruitment of different communities must eventually lead to those communities being represented in the public service.

(b) Orders have issued regarding recruitment to certain services and are under consideration regarding the rest.

(c) A statement will be placed on the table when the consideration of the subject is complete.

(d) The answer to both clauses of the question is in the negative.